QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Land procured under Vidyadan movement

690 SRI G. MADE GOWDA (Kirugavalu).—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of acres of land procured by the Government under Vidya Dana movement;

(b) how that land is being utilised now?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education).—

(a) The number of acres of land procured by the Government under Bhoodan Vidyadan Movement is 18,503.22 Acres.

(b) Out of 18,503.22 acres of land, 3,360 acres are under cultivation. The rest of the lands are either far away from the institutions or not suitable for cultivation.

M/s. Talikote Cement Factory

1052 SRI B. S. PATIL (Huvinhipparagi).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state.—

(a) the stage to which the progress of Talikote Cement Factory in Muddebihal taluk stands.

(b) the land earmarked for that purpose and the area of the land.

(c) the share capital collected now.

(d) in which year, this will be completed and production of cement started?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) Present stage and progress of Talikote Cements and Chemicals Limited is given below.—

1. *Licence.*—An Indl. Licence bearing No. IL.S. 326(74) for starting a Cement Factory in Bijapur District for manufacturing 4 lacs tonnes of coment per annum has been obtained,

2. *Implementation.*—A public Limited Company under the name and style Talikote Cements and Chemicals Ltd. has been registered under the Companies Act.

3. *Mining Lease.*—Over an area of 2470 acres has been obtained from the Government of Karnataka. The lease deed is stated to have been executed and registered.

4. *Acquisition of land.*—The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board has taken action to acquire about 300 acres of land near Almatti for the factory.

5. *Railway facilities.*—The South Central Railway Authorities have agreed to give the requisite Railway facilities.

6. *Coal Requirements.*—The Singareni Collieries Ltd., have agreed to supply the coal requirements.

7. *Power Requirements.*—The Karnataka Electricity Board have been requested to confirm the supply of the requirements of electricity and their confirmation is awaited.

8. The promoters have approached KSIIDC for proposing that the project be taken up in Joint Sector. This subject has been considered by the Board of Directors of KSIIDC recently who have recommended to the Government for supporting the venture in Joint Sector with KSIIDC subject to the Government of Karnataka providing funds to the extent of Rs. 3 crores as the finances of the corporation do not permit actively supporting such big venture.

(b) The location decided for setting up the plant is near Almatti Railway Station in Bijapur District and about 300 acres of land is proposed to be acquired for setting up of the above factory.

(c) It is ascertained from the promoters that they have so far collected Rs. 1. 25 lakhs as share capital.

(d) The gestation period for a big cement plant is around 3-4 years and if everything goes according to shedule this plant may start production in about 4 years from the date of taking effective steps to set up the unit.

Providing more facilities at Tourist Centres in Karnataka

965 SRI B. H. LAKSHMANAIAH (Belur).—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Tourist Traffic is increasing year by year at Belur, Halebid and Shravanabelagola.

(b) if so, what more facilities the Government has provided to the Tourist with a view to attract more number of tourists to these places.

(c) whether the Government is aware that the ITDC has neglected Karnataka Tourist Centre in providing facilities to the tourist when compared to the facilities provided at North Indian Tourist Centres.